

Continuing the Kumki Rights in South Kanara.

Q.—197. Sri S. SUBBAYA NAIK (Sullia).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the difficulties in the way of continuing the rights such as Kumki kana bane of Vargadars of South Kanara ;

(b) whether they are aware that the lands of the above categories are necessary for the Vargadars concerned for cultivation ?

A.—Sri M. V. KRISHNAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(a) What are popularly known as kumki rights are merely kumki privileges ; such of the privileges as were obtaining at the time the Mysore Land Revenue Act came into force will continue until such time as Government amend them in exercise of powers vested in them under sub-section (2) of Section 79 of the Land Revenue Act, 1964. The Government will exercise these powers whenever they consider it necessary to do so. One of the circumstances in which such a modification might have to be made would be the introduction of uniform privileges in all the areas of the State.

(b) Government are aware that in certain tracts including South Kanara District, it is necessary to have kumki and analogous privileges.

Extent of Reserve Forest in Puttur Taluk.

Q.—198. Sri S. SUBBAYA NAIK (Sullia).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the extent of reserve forest already existing in Puttur taluk ;

(b) the extent of area recommended for further afforestation in the said taluk ;

(c) the total percentage of the forest area including both in the taluk ;

(d) whether they propose to release the recommended lands in case they are being cultivated by landless ryots and the people residing there already ?

A.—Sri B. RACHAIAH (Minister for Forests and Fisheries).—

(a) 1,71,003 acres.

(b) 18,359—53 acres.

(c) 42.5 per cent

(d) Each case is considered on merits. Mostly areas unfit for agriculture are taken over for afforestation.